Original Expressly contrary to the known Laws of the Kingdom of Journal. England and therefore not soe to be dispens'd with and as to the Other part of the Peticon relating to the 40¹ tob: p.poll, this house will not make any distinction, but continue the Petrs under the same circumstances with all other their Mats good Subjects of this Province, as to the paymt thereof.

Signed p Ord W. Bladen Clk Assembly.

Speciall Comission for the tryall of the Murtherer produced & read, was approved off, Signed by his Ex^{ncy} & passed the Broad Seale of the Province.

Post Meridiem Esq^r Randolph aded. Brought from the House of Burgesses by Coll Herman, Maj^r Whittington & M^r Smithson the two following Messages, Vizt

To his Ex^{ncy} the Govern in Councill &ca

By the Burgesses of Assembly, May 17th 1695.

This house do humbly Represent to your Exncy that Whereas Mr Thomas Smithson was appointed by your Exncy to be Navall Officer at the Port of Oxford to receive the Import upon Liquors imported & Wee are informed the said Smithson is dismissed from executing the said Office, and the same totally neglected to the great damage of the whole Countrey Wherefore Wee humbly request yor Exncy will be pleased to Redress the same.

Signed p Ord W Bladen Clk Assembly.

By the House of Burgesses May 17th 1695:

This house Recommend to his Exney that Majr John Thompson be appointed Receiver of the Impost upon Liquors at the head of the Bay, he Liveing very convenient for the Same.

W Bladen Clk Assembly.

To the first his Exncy directs them to acquaint the house that he is sorry there should happen any loss or Damage, but that he never gave any Ordrs for dismissing the said Smithson from his said Office, and therefore Expects he render an accot pursuant to his comission, he haveing been sworn fully to Execute the said Trust.

the other Message his Exncy does readily agree to.

Saturday May the 18th 1695.

Councill again Sate & were all present except Coll Greenberry, Mr Courts & Mr Frisby.

Read the following Bills Presented from the House of Burgesses to this Board, Vizt